

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF LAKE PARK COUNCIL MEETING
3801 LAKE PARK ROAD, LAKE PARK, NC
BUDGET WORKSHOP
7 PM

APRIL 23, 2019

ATTENDING: Mayor David Cleveland
Council Members: Kristen Bowman, Pam Jack, James Record and Fabian Szarko
Finance Officer Cheryl Bennett
Village Administrator Cheri Clark

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor David Cleveland called the April 23, 2019 Budget Workshop meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor David Cleveland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

BUDGET: Cheryl Bennett provided Council with information concerning the revenue streams for the Village. The Union County Tax Assessors Office provides the Real, Personal and Motor Vehicle assessments. Public Service Values are estimated to remain the same and the Village tax collection rate remains at 99%. One cent of tax yields \$27,659.

Council reviewed and discussed the income and expense line items that make up the Village of Lake Park budget. Kristen Bowman made a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss staff compensation. Fabian Szarko seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Mayor David Cleveland called the Budget Workshop back into session. Kristen Bowman made the motion to increase the Town Administrator's salary by 4% and add an additional week of paid vacation; increase the Zoning Administrator's salary by 4%, the Finance Officer's salary by 4% and increase the Administrative Assistant/Event Coordinator hourly rate by \$0.50 per hour to \$19.50 an hour. The Mayor and Council stipends will remain the same. Pam Jack seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous. Mayor David Cleveland requested that Cheryl Bennett figure the payroll taxes that will be associated with the increases.

Council then discussed the current tax rate of \$0.24 per \$100 of evaluation. In order to balance the 2019 – 2020 budget, over \$96,860 would need to be appropriated from the Fund Balance. With the increases in the landscaping contract, waste collection contract, electricity and the Deputies, Council discussed a \$0.01 tax increase. Kristen Bowman made a motion to increase taxes to \$0.25 per \$100 of evaluation. Pam Jack seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Mayor David Cleveland requested that Cheryl Bennett calculate the impact of staff increases, payroll taxes and the tax increase to the budget. Below is the proposed Budget that will be presented at the May Council meeting.

Projected Total Property Taxes - \$693,482
Stormwater Fees - \$62,387
State Shared Revenues - \$359,800
Total Parks & Recreation Revenue - \$66,500
Other Revenues - \$12,220
Appropriated Fund Balance - \$42,981
Total Income - \$1,239,175

Contingency - \$15,000 – Will address additional Strategic Plan items.

Stormwater Expense - \$62,387
Total Planning and Zoning - \$19,292
Total Gen. Govt. Personal Services - \$132,530
Total Professional Fees - \$22,820
Supplies & Materials - \$7,100
Total Services - \$37,991 (includes funding for Election)
Total Capital Outlay - \$22,000
Parks & Recreation:
 Total P&R Supplies & Materials - \$9,350
 Total P&R Services - \$101,000
 Total Maintenance of Common Areas - \$248,465
 Total P&R Capital Outlay - \$17,000
Total Parks and Recreation - \$375,815
Total Public Services/Safety - \$544,240
Total Expense - \$1,239,175

Powell Bill Income - \$96,850
Powell Bill Expense - \$96,850

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Kristen Bowman, James Record and Fabian Szarko shared how much they appreciate Council's willingness to work as a team for the Village of Lake Park. Pam Jack shared that she also appreciates the fact that Council tries to do what is best for Lake Park.

Mayor David Cleveland thanked everyone for their hard work on the budget.

ADJOURN: Fabian Szarko made the motion to adjourn. Kristen Bowman seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.


Mayor David Cleveland

Respectfully submitted,


Village Administrator, Cheri Clark

